

105 North George Street (Commercial Building)  
York  
York County  
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-570

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY HABS No. PA-570

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Location: 105 North George Street, York, York County,  
Pennsylvania.

USGS York Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator  
Coordinates: 18.352310.4425100.

Present Owner: Dispatch Publishing Company.

Present Occupant: Vacant.

Present Use: Vacant; to be demolished 1979.

Significance: This nineteenth century commercial and residential  
building is an integral part of the historic  
streetscape of North George Street.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. History of the Structure:

An early nineteenth century painting representing York in 1802 by Lewis Miller, a local folk artist, depicts a two-story gable-roofed dwelling on the lot, labeled "Andrew Cremer House". The deed of 1865, in which John Vandersloot purchased the property, mentions a two-story frame house on the lot. Emma Eisenhart inherited the property in 1882 (with 107 North George Street), and used it for rental purposes until she sold it in 1905. The deed of 1905 refers to a two story brick house. In the deed of 1919, the structure is described as two stories with a store on the first floor. James Green, who purchased the property in 1919, kept a watch repair shop in the building from 1919 to 1936. During the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s the upper floors were used as apartments and a snack bar occupied the first floor store front.

The following is an incomplete chain of title to the land on which the structure stands, compiled from Legal Records, Deeds, in the York County Court House. Dates following individual names refer to the year of purchase.

Christian Wampler (1749)  
George Ernest Meyer (1773)  
James Love (1791)  
Andrew Cremer (1798)  
William Jones (1841)  
John Vandersloot (1865)  
Alexander Fry (1865) (2 story frame building)  
Emma Eisenhart (1882)  
William Froelich (1905) (2 story brick house)  
James E. Green (1919)  
Clarence Green (1936)  
James Notopoulos (1944?)  
Paul & Marian Runkle (1949)  
Geneco (Gene L. Cohen) (1969)  
Ed Sax (1971)  
Dispatch Publishing Co. (1977)

B. Bibliography:

Turner, Robert P. (ed.) Lewis Miller Sketches and Chronicles.  
York, Pennsylvania: York County Historical Society, 1966.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

This two-and-one-half story brick structure measures 19' x 60'. It has limestone foundations and a wood frame. There is a mansard roof covered with slate. The single dormer has Eastlakeian decoration and contains two double-hung sash windows. There is a modillioned wooden cornice. The second story has two bays, one of which is a projecting wooden bay window. The first floor shop front is three bays and is of adonized aluminum and glass. The first floor contains a store in front and two rooms in the rear. The second floor has a side hall with four rooms. The third floor contains two rooms. There is a curved walnut stairway.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the city of York, Pennsylvania in compliance with Executive Order 11593 and a Memorandum of Agreement with the advisory Council on Historic Preservation as a mitigative effort in the project to demolish four structures in the York Historic District. John A. Burns, AIA, was the HABS project coordinator. Photographs were taken by John R. Schein Jr. The records were edited and prepared for transmittal by Emily J. Harris, an architectural historian in the HABS office in October 1979.